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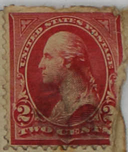

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~~Cleveland~~
Pittsburgh, ~~Ohio~~ Pa.

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My Dear Cousin Edith:

Indeed I was surprised to receive an answer to my letter of one yr. ago, I never expected to again receive a letter from you, I am glad that you have not entirely abandoned the friendship of an old and true friend. Truly it gives me great pleasure that you have had so many good things to enjoy the past yr. but a cord of sympathy vibrates in my breast at the sad experiences

of the year, but all light
does not make a beautifull
picture & onely the shadow
with light colouring can
make a beautifull life.
My eyes filled with tears
when I read how Archie's
dear baby boy onely lived
long enough for them to
look into his sweet face
and hope, — and then the little
spirit was wafted back to
the God who gave it, but
heaven can onely be nearer
and dearer for this little
life that has gone on before
to stand at Heaven's gate
to welcome Papa & Mamma
when that glad day comes.
I know of no cousin that
I so much desire to see

unless it is your own dear self
as Archie, of course I also
want to see that "dear little
wife" of his, I have heard
that she is a Deciple of Christ
has Archie ever made the good
confession & is he a Deciple?
To what church does his wife
belong, we know most of
the ministers in Cleveland
I hope all the rest of your
family are well again
this time. We are in the
midst of a revival meeting
it is 2 wk.s. & 1 da. old and
we have 33 additions, the
house is packed full, door-
ways crowded, the pulpit is
even hemmed in with people,
eight baptized last night,
the M.E.'s are also holding
a meeting at this time,
There was near 40 joined last

winter during our meeting
and they kept comeing in
all the year. we are rejoiced
at the progress of the work
think our new church
building will be commen-
ced in the Spring, Grant
has been asked to take
two other churches since
the Holidays but has
refused both. one of the churches
is in the City of Bellaire
the other a large church
in a city in West Va.
We were again surprised
about Xmas by having
about one hundred of
our members come in

one evening bringing
with them almost every
thing you could think
of that would be needed
in a minister-fodder
flour meat, chickens
groceries, canned fruits-
jellies etc. etc. goods for
a new suit of clothes &
they pay for the making
andahat for Grant
They brought me a large
Christmas cake we have
half of it yet, & a nice
pair of towels one of the
sister gave me, you see
who they care the most for.
We had a very nice Christmas
entertainment, & we had
here at home a tree for the
children, they received
many presents, Their
Grandpa & Grandma came
in on the midnight train

christmas morning, they
left home about 5 oclock
A.M. and as they were getting
their tickets at Alliance
for the next change of cars
the train pulled out and
left them, they sent
us a message saying they
could not leave until
5 in the evening, that
accounted for them coming
at midnight; they stayed
until Tues, don't you think
it wonderfull they could
stay so long as that?
Grant & Ethel were home
to N. Lisbon to Great Grand
mas funeral, there were
about 50 of the relatives
there for dinner, Mother
Pike has been sick all Fall
the Dr. called it Typhoid

fever, she is not yet strong.
We were home last Summer
had a very pleasant time,
Father Pikes house is
very nicely furnished
We intend to take our
vacation, North in May
our State Convention will
be held at Hiram College
and we are going at that
time for that. Of course
you know E. E. Patt. is married
Hettie Hawkins married
a half bro. of Dora's husband
Mrs. Hawkins has a fine
house oposite Dr. Carsons.
Our family is yet the
same in number & will
remain so for the next
9 mon. I am as well as
usual, am taking a hard
cold at present, we kept

hired help from last Jan
until Summer & I must
say I am perfectly disg-
usted with hired girls, we
had three in that length of
time, have had help 2 wks.
since Summer and
have got along very well by
sending my washing out
and getting my bread when
I want it, We can hire
a neighbor to care for the
children when we go away
We are invited out to dinner
tomorrow & the next day.
It may be you think we
see very little of the social
world here, but let me tell
you we are invited to some
of the finest receptions
here, for instance we
were invited to one of the
Banker Bradfields not long
since where we seen or

Display I would judge more than $1,000 worth of china painting most of which was done by Mr. B- herself. There were hundreds of people there; They were served wayfers & chocolate in the dining room, their home will compare with the homes on Euclid Ave, interior as well as exterior. There was one wk. some time since when we had every night in the wk, out but Sat. I believe and some nights two or three engagements for one night, If I dont forget will send you some pieces of my evening waists the pink is trimmed in black velvet, the other was trimmed

in lace, Last Summer
was one of the great treats
of our life within 7 mi.
of us there is the great
Epworth Assembly grounds
a Summer resort, where
the great talent of the country
is called, Talmage & other
men as great as he was
there Dr. Parkhurst and
many others we were there
for about 2 wks. it was
grand. Grant wants to
rent a cottage next Summer
- - - - - - - It is now
nearly 11 o'clock we are home
from church 7 young men
and one girl made the
confession tonight, this
makes 41 in all, We are
so tired & as much as I yet
have to say I will have to omit
(above)

Let me hear from you again
may it be soon. Lovingly......
Alice B Pike